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SERIOUS AFERAY.

Conductor Fultz and Brakeman Huffman Stabbed on Train.

On last Saturday night east bound passenger train No 28 was the scene of a very bloody affray, one which might have resulted fatally to both the wounded men. Thomas Young, of Georges Creek, boarded the train at Louisa, much the worse for booze. Shortly after the train pulled out he grew noisy and began the use of obscene language in the presence of ladies. He was asked to go into another coach, but refused to go. Then Conductor Fultz and then both he and Brakeman Huffman attempted to remove him by force. Mad-dened by rage and rum Young drew a knife and began to use it. Fultz received two cuts or stabs. One owing to the weapon caught him on the left hand, almost entirely severing the third finger at the second joint. Another thrust struck him on the right side of the neck, cutting through the conductor's heavy uniform coat, vest and collar, and making a wound an inch and a half long within a finger's breadth of the jugular vein. Huffman also "got his," but not quite so seriously. He got a stab in the left side, right over the heart, but by good fortune a convenient rib kept the knife from going to a dangerous depth. Young was finally overpowered and the train backed down to Louisa and he was given into custody. The officers started to jail with their prisoner, but it was no easy job to land him. He fought desperately against being put behind the bars, but after a hard struggle and some blows he was finally locked up.

Conductor Fultz and Brakeman Huffman had their wounds dressed at the depot, where the office was converted into a surgery. The company surgeon, Dr. G. W. Wroten, together with Drs. Biggs and Bromley, and Dr. Burgess, of Matawan, who happened to be present.

The case was called by Police Judge O'Brien Monday morning, but was continued until tomorrow, when Young will have an examination on two charges of cutting with intent to kill. Pending trial he is out on a bail of \$600.

Two Score years Ago.

On last Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1886, the Masonic Hall in this place was dedicated. Apperson Lodge met in the jury room of the old Court House and marched in procession, with Billie Carey and Lee Small beating the drums, to the new building which was then and there dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. A very large crowd was present, hundreds of Masons and others from the adjoining towns and counties being present. At night a big dance was given in the building now known as the Arlington Hotel, but it then stood where the Gannett block is now, and it was not a hotel. A very large number of the beaux and belles of Catlettsburg, Louisa and other towns were present, and to the old-time (not rag-time) melodies of "Dove" and "Shiloh Rock" the festivities were continued until the small hours of the following morning.

About all the men now living in Louisa who participated in the dedication ceremonies are Col. Jay H. Northup, Judge O'Brien, John Wiley Jones, R. F. Vinson, J. F. Hackworth and G. W. Wroten. F. R. Moore, of Webbville, and Maj. D. J. Burchett, of Mt. Sterling, were also present.

Board of County Supervisors.

At the regular term of the Lawrence County Court, Judge Thompson appointed the following Board to supervise the assessor's tax book: D. J. Burchett, Jr.; D. J. Maynard; E. C. Carter; John P. Riffe and Peter Burgess. Under the law enacted last winter every member of the board of supervisors must be a landowner. This statement will possibly modify some who wanted a place on the board, but who were not selected. The first meeting will be Jan. 1, 1907.

Day of Thanksgiving.

The President and the Governor have declared next Thursday a day of thanksgiving, and so it will be. The people have much to be thank-

ful for, and it is very right that once a year, at least, they go to church and make public their offering of grateful hearts to the Giver of all good.

We are thankful, too, that the election is over and

That we will not be bothered with another one for nearly a year.

That during the hunting term we are not quails, neither are we rabbits.

That before long we'll be holler-ing, "Hello!" or words to that effect.

That a coal famine doesn't bother Louisiana very much.

That it might have been worse for the Democrats on the 6th of November, but we hardly see how.

That most of us are alive.

That we are well.

Mrs. R. L. Vinson Entertains.

In honor of her very charming guest, Miss Davidson, of Minnesota, Mrs. R. L. Vinson gave a delightful party last Tuesday evening. All of Mrs. Vinson's social affairs are triumphs, and those who are among the guests are greatly envied and favored. This function of the fore-week was not different from those which antedated it, except, if possible, the charm of hostess was greater, the refreshment more toothsome, or the guest of honor more attractive. One very pleasing feature of the event was the tasteful decoration. The green frond of graceful ferns and the lovely, odoriferous red carnation were much in evidence to sight and smell and each guest knows by happy possession just how lovely a thing a pink carnation is. Creams, ices, cakes, all of most exquisite flavor, refreshed the guests. Genuine enjoyment marked an evening long to be remembered by Miss Davidson, of Minnesota; Misses Kate Freese, Lottie Yates, Emma Carey, Willie Frazier, Martha Vaughan, Lizzie Bromley, Meile Bromley, Mabel Butler, Ethel O'Brien, Stella Conley, Letitia Snyder, and (lucky three!) Dr. Grover Meek, George R. Burgess and H. G. Wellman.

Many Slips.

The recent heavy rains have played havoc with the C. and O. tracks on the upper Sandy. It is said that above Prestonsburg more than a thousand feet of track has gone in to the river. One result of the damage is the derangement of travel. All west bound trains are hours late, and it is only through hard work and transference that passengers get up and down at all. All the available force of this division is working night and day to get the road back to its former sound condition.

The affairs of the Baker Contract Co. have gone into the hands of a receiver. The company will, however, complete its government job at the mouth of the Big Sandy.

This company has the contract for building the lock at Chapman, now almost finished, and also has the contract for the lock for extending the lock wall of the lock at Catlettsburg, and built the dam at Kavanaugh.

It gave employment to many men, and both its work and its dealings with its employees were entirely satisfactory.

Mr. H. M. Ward, of New Mexico, was in Louisa Saturday with his brother John Ward, of River. It is his first visit to home folks since he left Kentucky twenty-six years ago. He was only 17 years of age when he cut loose from home ties and went to the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Ward will return to New Mexico in a short time.

John M. Rice, who was the very capable business man for the Baker Contract Company, has been appointed agent for the Colonial Trust Company, of Pittsburg, in Boyd and Lawrence counties. When the Baker Company failed the Colonial people were made receivers and they made Mr. Rice their local representative.

Mrs. Rebecca Burchett is laid up, probably for a long time, the result of a fall in her yard a few days ago. She fell on a plank, striking her hip, bruising and spraining the joint very severely. Mrs. Burchett is nearly 88 years old, and injuries of this sort to one so aged mean long confinement to the bed.

BIG SANDY RIVER

Sends to Market An Enormous Number of Logs.

The Sandy from the Breaks to the mouth has been on a tear. Rain fell abundantly the latter part of last week and the first part of this, and the river responded just as abundantly. Logs and other float-wood of the flood began to pass this point on the afternoon of last Monday, and until noon the next day the river was black with timber. The rain must have been torrential in the nation of Elkorn and the Breaks, for the famous gorge of logs in the river there, piled high and wide for years, broke loose and its hundreds of thousands of logs will find a market. The owners of the timber had, so it is said, long since charged the venture to profit and loss, as the jam had already withstood many a hard rain. Besides this timber many other lots of fine logs have been awaiting just such a flood, and this golden opportunity for getting their stuff to market will bring joy to many a heart.

Bankruptcy Proceedings.

Col. Jay H. Northup has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The schedule shows liabilities amounting to \$238,566.37 and assets of \$129,945.98. Of the indebtedness, \$48,536.49 is his indorsement of paper for the Whitehouse Canal Coal Company, Torchlight Coal Company, and Elmore Improvement Company. It is stated that these companies will probably find it necessary to go into bankruptcy also.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce this occurrence. The fact is disclosed that the action comes as the result of heavy losses in 1900-01, caused by floods and ice in Big Sandy river and tributaries. At that time he lost 240,000 crockets and nearly two million staves, which were swept into the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. With characteristic energy and pluck he set about to repair his losses and meet the heavy obligations entailed in acquiring this vast quantity of timber. With scarcely a murmur he has since labored day and night discharging every debt possible and paying interest to the extent of more than \$1000 per month. This struggle was maintained until last week, when the inevitable was forced upon him. In justice to all creditors and to prevent the effect of preference by judgment and execution liens the bankruptcy proceedings were resorted to.

Nothing but expressions of sympathy are heard about the matter. There is much consolation to Col. Northup and his friends in the fact that no word of condemnation falls upon him. No question of his absolute honesty is raised by anyone. One the other hand, admiration is expressed for the heroic struggle he has made against heavy odds, and for the manly effort to avoid the step that finally had to be taken. The fact is recognized that his financial embarrassment is due wholly to forces beyond the control of man. But for the destruction wrought by the floods he would have been a wealthy man today.

No man works harder than does Col. Northup. No man has done more for the Big Sandy valley. For a quarter of a century he has been recognized as the leading business man and the most public spirited citizen in the valley.

Now that the inevitable has come we all hope that the affairs may be speedily adjusted and that Col. Northup may soon be doing business again. The confidence of the people in his integrity has not been shaken by these unfortunate circumstances.

A meeting of the creditors will be held in Ashland in about two weeks, at which time a Trustee in Bankruptcy will be named.

Postoffice Boxes.

The attention of the public is invited to a recent order of the department amending the law with reference to the collection of box-rents. The law as amended reads as follows:

"Box-rents must be collected at the beginning of each quarter for the entire quarter, but no longer. Ten

days before the last day of each quarter postmasters are required to place a bill bearing the date of the last day of the quarter in each rented box. If a boxholder fails to renew his right to his box on or before the last day of a quarter the box shall be closed and offered for rent and the mail will be placed in the general delivery."

Heretofore box-rents were collected at the beginning of each quarter as provided for under the new law, but boxholders were given ten days after the beginning of the quarter within which to make the payment. The department now requires them to take notice ten days before. Notice of this change is given the public to avoid inconvenience.

The Streets.

The NEWS reiterates the declaration that the highways of Louisa should be put in better condition before the advent of winter. Many sidewalks, some on the most public thoroughfares, are wretchedly dilapidated. Several crossings very much need looking after, and the Lady Washington street canal, between Perry and Pocahontas, should be either filled or bridged. And one of these dark nights some wayfarer will step into that chasm in front of Henry Sammons' and break a leg or his neck. There is no reason for the existence of this trap, and no excuse for not having an outside street light at the top of the hill near the slaughter house.

Program, Not Program.

Sooner than fight about it the NEWS yields to change and is willing to write it "program," but it draws the line at pronouncing it "program." The better educated person is, the more distinctive becomes the sound of "grum." The word should be pronounced program (as in at.) There is no authority for such a hybrid as program.

The State Primary.

The official count of the Democratic State Primary shows following majorities:

U. S. Senator, Beckham, 11,117.
Governor, Hager, 30,882.
Attorney General, Hendrick, 33,551.
Supt. Public Instruction, Winfrey, 5,574.
Com. of Agriculture, Newman, 5,320.

RICHARDSON.

R. D. Hinkle was a business visitor to Louisa Monday.

Mrs. Rose, of Louisa, was the guest of friends here Tuesday.

ss Hermia Blevins is visiting friends at Peach Orchard.

The Misses Hinkle entertained a number of friends Monday evening. Those present were: Misses Lida and Guselle Preston, Laura Compton, Leona and Lottie Gannell, Mattie Warnock and Annie and Ida Bartlett; Messrs. Carl Castle, Roy Bartlett, Henry and John Akers and Dee Vaughan. A very pleasant evening was spent and all departed reluctantly at a late hour.

R. A. Bickel, of Louisa, is here on business.

Mrs. Simon Bartlett left Wednesday for a visit with friends down the river.

Miss Addie Gulkerson spent Sunday with home folks at Gallup.

W. E. Holcomb, the popular young operator of Peach Orchard, had charge of the depot here Sunday during the absence of the regular operator, Miss Compton.

Jas. Auxier, of East Point spent Sunday in Richardson.

J. W. Hinkle, atty. at Inez, spent Sunday with home folks.

Modjeska.

Mr. William Gussler, a leading citizen of the Busseyville region, was here yesterday. The friends of Bent Ouster and family will be glad to know that Mr. Gussler reports their welcome improvement after their long and serious siege of typhoid fever.

The entertainment announced for the evening of Dec. 1 by the student class of Miss Stafford has been postponed until the evening of Dec. 7. Those taking part in this affair are members of her class, and no others will participate.

Little Miss Chattle Songer, of East Winchester avenue, is suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.—Ind.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestons Cnrg.

The special term of the Pike Circuit Court began this morning, with Special Judge J. W. M. Stewart, of Ashland, presiding.

The M. E. Church South, in Pikeville, wants to build or buy a parsonage, and to this end is soliciting subscriptions.

Prestonsburg, November 15. — Dr. Richmond returned from Harold this afternoon, and reports the condition of Mrs. Nannie Hatcher as very serious.

Miss Ripley, a trained nurse, of Canton, is in Prestonsburg, to nurse Mrs. Nell D. May, who is seriously ill at the home of her father, G. R. Davidson.

Paintsville, November 19. — C. P. Sanborne has the contract for completing the paving here. Mr. Sanborne put in our sewerage system. He is to take up the work when John Francisco left off.

Dr. F. M. Bayes, assisted by Drs. W. and C. G. Gray, of Ironton, O., removed a large ovarian cyst from Mrs. Bascom Conley, Tuesday, at the residence of Jas. F. Bailey, on Second street, in Paintsville.

The home occupied by the late Samuel P. Garrett's family, on Town Branch, near Prestonsburg, was burned to the ground recently. No one occupied it, Mrs. Garrett having moved about two weeks ago. It is not known how the fire originated. The property was recently purchased by Alvin Clark. The loss is about \$500.

Grover Cantrill was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years for shooting a Howard woman, on Hargis creek, Johnson county, two yrs. ago. Mrs. Howard lived eighteen months after being wounded and the charge against Cantrill was for maliciously shooting at, with intent to kill.

Jim Pendleton and Miss Vada Price, of Johnson county, eloped last Sunday and were married at Salyersville. They said they were going to a meeting at Oil Springs, and while there, they decided to get married, but could get no license on Sunday, and had to wait until Monday morning, when they went to Salyersville, returning Monday afternoon.

A two weeks' washing, consisting of wearing apparel, sheets, pillow cases, towels, table linen, etc., was stolen off the line at R. S. Booter's. This is the first time in the history of Prestonsburg that such a thing ever occurred, and of course excitement runs high.

Another sign of a hard winter.

Will Welch was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life for killing Sherman Castle last July. Phipps and Montgomery, two star witnesses for the defense in the Welch case, were caught by "Doc" Roberts and brought before Judge Kirk. Failing to give \$300 bond each they were ordered taken to the county jail. They were summoned to be present at the trial and answered to their names when called on Tuesday. Wednesday they had disappeared.

Mrs. Linn Cooley, widow of the late David Cooley, of Prestonsburg, died at her home on Beaver, at Haysville, Saturday at noon. Mrs. Cooley had been in poor health for the past two years, but was able to be up until two weeks ago, when she grew rapidly worse and was glad when death came to relieve her of her sufferings. Her death is a very sad one, and a great blow to her children, who are left without father or mother. She leaves six children, her two eldest being married—Harry and Mrs. Tom Turner.

Majestic Collieries Co., Pikeville, reported incorporated November 1 with \$250,000 capital stock, has acquired about 6000 acres of coal land, which will be developed at once, installing four operations and equipping with electric power from one

station located midway. From 800 to 1000 horse-power will be required. P. P. Flanagan, of Eckman, W. Va., is president and general manager; W. A. Phillips, of Ashland, W. Va., vice president; S. W. Patterson, secretary, and Morris Watts, treasurer.

John H. Francisco, the Ironton contractor, has thrown up his contract for paving at Paintsville, and left more than a week ago without giving any clue as to his whereabouts. He had a contract for \$12,000 worth of paving in Paintsville, on which he had drawn considerable money. He was also indebted to several parties at Paintsville and other places and all are using every effort to locate him and secure their claims. Three suits have been filed in the Johnson Circuit Court. One by John C. Mayo, of Paintsville, for \$2,450; one by the Ohio Valley Feed and Produce Co., of Ashland, for \$1,600; and one by a hardware firm in Paintsville for \$900.

W. T. Short, General Deputy Collector, has returned from a trip through Pike county, and Wise county, Va., where he has been "moon-shine" raiding. The officer, together with his posse, located and destroyed two stills. One was on Elkhorn creek, in Pike county, and the other in Wise county. No arrests were made in Pike county, the still being idle, but at the Wise county plant, the operator and owner, who proved to be a prominent practicing physician, was arrested just as he was preparing to make a run.

Ma y Brown vs. Crump and Field.—Filed November 1, 1906.—(To be reported.)—Appeal from Pike Quarterly Court. Opinion of the Court by Chief Justice Hobson, dismissing.

Quarterly Courts.—Order Appointing Receivers—Appeals to Court of Appeals.—Jurisdiction.—Section 28 of the Civil Code, which provides that "the order of a court or the judge thereof appointing or refusing to appoint a receiver shall be deemed a final order for the purpose of an appeal to the Court of Appeals," refers to orders of the Court or a judge of the circuit, and not to orders made by a judge of the quarterly court. In cases like this the appeal lies from the Quarterly Court to the Circuit Court and from the Circuit Court to the Court of Appeals. J. S. Cline for appellant.

BUCHANAN.

Mrs. Jas. Lett, of Home City, O., is visiting friends here this week. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cooksey came home from Chapmanville Saturday. Rev. and Mrs. John Roberts, of Texas, are assisting our pastor, Rev. Pangburn, in a meeting at Buchanan Chapel. The interest is quite good. Miss Minnie Nickels, of Shiloh, is the guest of relatives here, and attending the meeting.

Mrs. Frank Wallace, Jr., and son Eugene, of Louisa, are visiting here. Miss Laura Compton came down from Richardson and spent Sunday with home folks returning Monday.

Born, recently to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson a daughter.

Mrs. Sam McSorley and children have returned to their home here, after spending some time in Catlettsburg.

Miss Ida Cooksey, of Ashland and Miss Laura Cooksey, of Glenwood, were recent visitors here.

Miss Lizzie Wellman, of Catlettsburg, is visiting in Buchanan.

Mrs. G. W. Pangburn is quite ill, threatened with fever.

Frank Adkins, of Ashland, was a visitor here last week.

J. R. Compton, Jr., of Hewlett, Hiram Ellipses, of Webb, and J. C. Compton, of Ashland, spent a few days here this week hunting. Zeb.

The earth passes through the paths of two groups of meteors in the month of November—the Leonids about the 13th, and the Andromedes about the 27th. Young people interested in astronomy do well to be on the watch when these dates arrive, for there may be displays of shooting stars worth seeing. It's too late for Leonids, but if you will sit up and take notice Saturday night you may see something.

The friends of Miss "Coo" Johnson, formerly of Peach Orchard, but now living in Thacker, will be sorry to learn that she is dangerously sick with typhoid fever. Conductor Jack Johnson was here Monday on his way to see her.